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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FRENCH INSTRUCTION ON THE SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, 1941

Appointments

Mr. Henri Lemieux, B.A., B.Paed., formerly on the teaching staff of the University of Ottawa Normal School, was appointed High School Inspector in January, 1941. Previous to his Normal School appointment in 1936, Mr. Lemieux had taught for several years in the secondary schools of Plantagenet and Cornwall and had served as assistant principal and as principal of the Model Training Schools at Embrun and Sturgeon Falls.

Mr. Arthur Godbout, B.A., who was on the Kirkland Lake Collegiate Institute and Vocational School staff, was appointed to the University of Ottawa Normal School to succeed Mr. Lemieux.

Teachers' Training and Qualifications

In 1940-41, there were 187 teachers-in-training at the University of Ottawa Normal School, 23 of whom were enrolled in the First Class course, and 164 in the Second Class course. As a result of the term and final examinations, 21 students were awarded First Class teachers' certificates, and 140 obtained Second Class certificates.

The following table shows the number and percentage of Ontario French-speaking elementary school teachers holding First or Second Class certificates in November, 1941, and the progress made in this regard since 1929:—

	1929	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Total number of French-speaking teachers in Elementary Schools	1,087	1,281	1,316	1,390	1,416	1,438
Number of above teachers holding I or II Class certificates	273	1,018	1,135	1,271	1,311	1,307
Percentage of French-speaking teachers holding I or II Class certificates	25.11	79.46	86.24	91.43	92.58	90.89

Age-Grade Distribution of Pupils in Elementary Schools

The following tables present a compilation of the French-speaking School Inspectors' Annual Age-Grade Summary Reports for May, 1941:—

TABLE No. 1

AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1941

(A) Separate and Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	.....	155	2,470	3,463	1,617	620	191	97	36	22	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,676	17.25
II	.....	18	351	1,939	2,585	1,266	505	215	103	32	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	7,021	13.96
III	.....	.....	4	115	1,527	2,511	1,502	727	333	151	56	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,938	13.80
IV	.....	.....	.....	16	188	1,339	2,166	1,390	801	381	135	32	6	.....	.....	.....	6,454	12.84
V	.....	.....	.....	1	9	249	1,267	1,872	1,443	819	386	109	10	1	.....	.....	6,166	12.26
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	271	1,163	1,631	1,268	624	208	36	4	.....	.....	5,226	10.39
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	38	292	987	1,359	972	414	68	8	.....	.....	4,141	8.23
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	382	1,048	1,195	860	286	73	4	1	3,902	7.75
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	23	114	288	291	145	47	6	.....	915	1.82
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	17	98	213	190	69	13	3	605	1.20
Jr. Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	12	26	35	84	60	26	.....	.....	.....	252	.50
Grand Totals	.....	173	2,825	5,534	5,926	6,011	5,947	5,822	5,767	5,246	3,847	2,200	768	203	23	4	50,296	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) RURAL

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	48	568	783	407	139	48	33	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,044	3,798
	Girls	.....	19	134	553	603	286	87	45	16	8	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,754	
II	Boys	.....	17	263	512	382	205	102	54	16	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,564	2,925
	Girls	.....	1	23	328	561	284	103	33	20	5	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1,361	
III	Boys	.....	.....	1	16	247	485	363	186	104	42	20	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,467	2,768
	Girls	.....	.....	2	31	298	470	268	136	48	35	11	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,301	
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	209	436	335	239	109	35	6	2	.....	.....	.....	1,403	2,581
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	3	34	268	411	248	123	68	18	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1,178	
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	186	332	315	219	91	28	2	1	.....	.....	1,213	2,379
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	1	4	81	268	370	271	113	42	15	1	.....	.....	.....	1,166	
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	39	188	286	291	132	47	7	.....	.....	.....	992	2,020
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	75	280	330	229	85	20	3	.....	.....	.....	1,028	
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	40	141	222	176	58	10	1	.....	.....	654	1,445
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	79	221	270	152	45	11	.....	.....	.....	791	
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	46	163	198	177	52	9	2	.....	669	1,429
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	83	219	240	149	52	5	.....	.....	760	
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	16	16	14	10	.....	.....	59	185
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	17	32	48	18	7	1	.....	126	
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	17	10	4	1	.....	36	141
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	34	28	16	2	1	105	
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	.....	65	832	1,311	1,072	1,076	1,179	1,180	1,157	1,067	671	352	97	25	3	.....	10,101	
	Girls	.....	20	159	916	1,500	1,395	1,225	1,203	1,115	968	605	317	115	28	3	1	9,570	
GRAND TOTALS	.....	.....	85	991	2,227	2,572	2,471	2,404	2,383	2,272	2,035	1,276	669	212	53	6	1	.....	19,671

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	38	888	1,091	335	116	33	13	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,522	
	Girls	.....	50	880	1,036	272	79	23	6	5	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,356	4,878
II	Boys	.....	.....	18	495	847	446	209	82	47	14	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2,160	
	Girls	.....	.....	45	604	795	331	91	46	20	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,936	4,096
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	30	438	774	531	253	128	50	23	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,232	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	38	544	782	340	152	53	24	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,938	4,170
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	9	53	350	633	438	248	133	66	18	3	.....	.....	.....	1,951	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	4	69	512	686	369	191	71	16	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,922	3,873
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	52	351	577	482	289	165	48	6	.....	.....	.....	1,971	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	462	593	375	198	88	18	1	.....	.....	.....	1,816	3,787
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	65	279	457	375	221	86	18	2	.....	.....	1,509	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	92	416	558	373	186	55	8	2	.....	.....	1,697	3,206
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	71	276	409	337	197	28	5	.....	.....	1,335	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	102	349	458	307	114	19	2	.....	.....	1,361	2,696
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	89	276	330	293	100	35	2	1	1,137	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	164	390	417	241	82	24	.....	.....	1,336	2,473
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	36	82	89	47	10	4	.....	274	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	58	158	138	66	20	1	.....	456	730
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	25	60	57	19	5	2	171	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	50	102	95	30	5	.....	293	464
Jr. Auxiliary Classes	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6	10	23	29	56	41	13	.....	.....	.....	180	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	6	28	19	13	.....	.....	.....	72	252
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	.....	38	906	1,625	1,674	1,748	1,838	1,734	1,762	1,615	1,307	837	272	72	11	3	15,442	
	Girls	.....	50	926	1,682	1,680	1,792	1,705	1,705	1,733	1,596	1,252	694	284	78	6	.....	15,183	
GRAND TOTALS		.....	88	1,832	3,307	3,354	3,540	3,543	3,439	3,495	3,211	2,559	1,531	556	150	17	3	.....	30,625

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(B) Separate Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	.....	128	2,220	3,190	1,502	573	175	81	33	18	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,924	16.98
II	.....	18	349	1,810	2,381	1,146	430	190	94	26	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	6,449	13.83
III	.....	.....	3	106	1,414	2,345	1,388	662	303	132	52	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,415	13.78
IV	.....	.....	.....	15	186	1,278	2,052	1,286	709	335	120	28	5	.....	.....	.....	6,014	12.86
V	.....	.....	.....	1	8	227	1,191	1,751	1,321	755	359	100	9	1	.....	.....	5,723	12.22
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	248	1,079	1,524	1,171	591	192	35	4	.....	.....	4,860	10.44
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	32	275	921	1,257	919	392	67	8	.....	.....	3,874	8.33
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	361	990	1,109	801	266	72	4	.....	3,654	7.86
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	23	114	282	289	142	47	6	.....	904	1.93
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	17	97	208	189	69	12	3	597	1.28
Jr. Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	12	18	32	81	56	26	.....	.....	.....	234	.51
Grand Totals	.....	146	2,572	5,122	5,491	5,590	5,523	5,388	5,309	4,847	3,616	2,077	740	202	22	3	46,648	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	36	482	664	341	115	42	22	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,715	
	Girls	.....	4	55	452	561	266	79	40	16	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,481	3,196
II	Boys	.....	17	263	475	302	149	64	36	10	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,320	
	Girls	.....	1	23	293	493	240	74	27	17	4	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1,175	2,495
III	Boys	.....	.....	1	14	215	409	318	159	88	27	17	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,250	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	25	263	413	230	117	38	33	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,131	2,381
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	183	387	294	200	93	29	4	2	.....	.....	.....	1,224	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	3	34	265	378	201	83	48	11	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,026	2,250
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	30	163	290	264	188	83	24	2	1	.....	.....	1,049	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	1	3	72	243	321	226	98	34	13	1	.....	.....	.....	1,012	2,061
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	161	247	251	116	40	6	.....	.....	.....	852	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	63	241	291	196	78	17	3	.....	.....	.....	892	1,744
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	36	125	196	155	55	9	1	.....	.....	581	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	67	186	232	133	39	11	.....	.....	.....	677	1,258
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	40	143	178	152	44	9	2	.....	578	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	74	193	211	131	47	4	.....	.....	672	1,250
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	14	16	14	10	.....	.....	57	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	17	31	48	17	7	1	.....	124	181
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	15	10	4	.....	.....	33	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	33	28	16	2	1	104	137
Totals by Sexes	Boys	.....	53	746	1,153	894	887	1,008	1,008	981	912	595	308	87	25	2	.....	8,659	
	Girls	.....	5	79	774	1,354	1,259	1,076	1,026	934	831	532	285	108	27	3	1	8,294	16,953
rand Totals	.....	.....	58	825	1,927	2,248	2,146	2,084	2,034	1,915	1,743	1,127	593	195	52	5	1	16,953	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	38	848	1,062	330	114	31	13	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,444	
	Girls	.....	50	835	1,012	270	78	23	6	5	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,284	4,728
II	Boys	.....	.....	18	469	819	435	204	81	47	14	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2,089	
	Girls	.....	.....	45	573	767	322	88	46	20	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,865	3,954
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	29	423	757	512	240	126	49	23	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,164	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	38	513	766	328	146	51	23	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,870	4,034
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	9	52	336	618	430	242	126	65	18	3	.....	.....	.....	1,899	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	3	68	494	669	361	184	68	15	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,865	3,764
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	49	338	566	468	276	157	46	5	.....	.....	.....	1,906	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	447	574	363	193	85	17	1	.....	.....	.....	1,756	3,662
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	64	275	443	363	216	81	18	2	.....	.....	1,468	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	90	402	543	361	181	54	8	2	.....	.....	1,648	3,116
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	71	273	394	328	190	28	5	.....	.....	1,301	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	101	337	435	303	108	19	2	.....	.....	1,315	2,616
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	86	269	318	286	96	35	2	.....	1,103	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	161	385	402	232	79	24	.....	.....	1,301	2,404
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	36	82	89	46	10	4	.....	273	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	58	155	136	65	20	1	.....	450	723
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	25	60	56	19	5	2	170	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	49	100	95	30	5	.....	290	460
JR. AUXILIARY CLASSES	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6	10	15	26	53	37	13	.....	.....	.....	162	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	6	28	19	13	.....	.....	.....	72	234
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	.....	38	866	1,569	1,625	1,701	1,783	1,697	1,712	1,557	1,269	812	265	72	11	2	14,979	
	Girls	.....	50	881	1,626	1,618	1,743	1,656	1,657	1,682	1,547	1,220	672	280	78	6	.....	14,716	29,695
GRAND TOTALS		.....	88	1,747	3,195	3,243	3,444	3,439	3,354	3,394	3,104	2,489	1,484	545	150	17	2	29,695	.....

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

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(C) Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	27	250	273	115	47	16	16	3	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	752	20.61
II	.....	2	129	204	120	75	25	9	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	572	15.68
III	.....	1	9	113	166	114	65	30	19	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	523	14.35
IV	.....	.....	1	2	61	114	104	92	46	15	4	1	.....	.....	.....	440	12.06
V	.....	.....	.....	1	22	76	121	122	64	27	9	1	.....	.....	.....	443	12.14
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	23	84	107	97	33	16	1	.....	.....	.....	366	10.03
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	17	66	102	53	22	1	.....	.....	.....	267	7.32
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	21	58	86	59	20	1	.....	1	248	6.80
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	2	3	.....	.....	.....	11	.30
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	1	.....	1	.....	8	.22
Jr. Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	3	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.49
Grand Totals	27	253	412	435	421	424	434	458	399	231	123	28	1	1	1	3,648	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	12	86	119	66	24	6	11	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	329	
	Girls	15	79	101	42	20	8	5	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	273	602
II	Boys	...	...	37	80	56	38	18	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	244	
	Girls	...	...	35	68	44	29	6	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	186	430
III	Boys	...	...	2	32	76	45	27	16	15	3	1	...	...	...	...	217	
	Girls	...	1	6	35	57	38	19	10	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	170	387
IV	Boys	...	...	...	...	26	49	41	39	16	6	2	...	...	...	...	179	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	3	33	47	40	20	7	1	1	...	...	...	152	331
V	Boys	...	...	...	...	5	23	42	51	31	8	4	...	...	...	...	164	
	Girls	...	...	...	1	9	25	49	45	15	8	2	...	...	...	...	154	318
VI	Boys	...	...	...	...	2	8	27	39	40	16	7	1	...	...	...	140	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	3	12	39	39	33	7	3	...	...	...	...	136	276
VII	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	16	26	21	3	1	...	...	...	73	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	4	12	35	38	19	6	...	...	...	...	114	187
VIII	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	20	30	25	8	...	...	...	91	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	26	29	18	5	1	...	...	88	179
IX	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	4
X	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	3	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	4
Totals by Sexes	Boys	12	88	158	178	189	171	172	176	155	88	44	10	1	1	...	1,442	
	Girls	15	80	142	146	136	149	177	181	137	73	32	7	...	...	...	1,276	2,718
Grand Totals	...	27	168	300	324	325	320	349	357	292	161	76	17	1	1	...	2,718	...

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	40	29	5	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	
	Girls	.....	45	24	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	150
II	Boys	.....	.....	26	28	11	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	
	Girls	.....	.....	31	28	9	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	142
III	Boys	.....	.....	1	15	17	19	13	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	31	16	12	6	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	136
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	1	14	15	8	6	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	1	18	17	8	7	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	109
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	13	11	14	13	8	2	1	.....	.....	.....	65	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	15	19	12	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	125
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	14	12	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	14	15	12	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	90
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	9	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	23	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	80
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	7	12	7	4	.....	.....	1	34	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	15	9	3	.....	.....	.....	35	69
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	6	7
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4
JR. AUXILIARY CLASSES	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	3	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	.....	40	56	49	47	55	37	50	58	38	25	7	.....	.....	1	463	
	Girls	.....	45	56	62	49	49	48	51	49	32	22	4	.....	.....	.....	467	930
GRAND TOTALS	.....	.....	85	112	111	96	104	85	101	107	70	47	11	.....	.....	1	930	.....

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

The following comparative table, for the years 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1941, shows the marked progress which has been achieved, during the period under review, in the grade-enrolment distribution of French-speaking classes in all elementary schools:—

Separate and Public Schools

Grade	1938		1939		1940		1941	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	11,216	23.66	8,955	18.16	8,539	17.12	8,676	17.25
II	6,992	14.75	7,148	14.49	7,057	14.15	7,021	13.96
III	4,974	10.49	6,631	13.45	6,803	13.64	6,938	13.80
IV	5,548	11.71	6,364	12.90	6,541	13.11	6,454	12.84
V	5,828	12.30	5,883	11.93	6,043	12.12	6,166	12.26
VI	4,775	10.07	5,136	10.41	5,036	10.09	5,226	10.39
VII	3,764	7.95	4,018	8.15	4,284	8.58	4,141	8.23
VIII	2,913	6.15	3,436	6.97	3,741	7.50	3,902	7.75
IX	727	1.52	893	1.81	948	1.90	915	1.82
X	443	.93	587	1.19	646	1.29	605	1.20
Auxiliary Classes	217	.46	268	.54	251	.50	252	.50
Totals	47,397	100.00	49,319	100.00	49,889	100.00	50,296	100.00

A study of the above statistics reveals that: (1) The many repeaters who, before 1939, swelled considerably the enrolment of the Grade I classes, have gradually disappeared; (2) The enrolment in each of the first six Grades of the elementary schools is now almost normal; (3) The percentage of enrolment in the Grade VIII classes has increased from 6.15, in 1938, to 7.75, in 1941.

It is confidently expected, therefore, that, through a continued effort on the part of teachers and inspectors, the enrolment in the Grade VIII classes will attain approximately 10 per cent of the total school enrolment within the next two or three years.

TABLE No. 2

ANALYSIS OF AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN RELATION TO IDEAL AGE-SPREAD IN ELEMENTARY RURAL AND URBAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1941

(A) Separate and Public Schools

Grade	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	155	1.78	7,550	85.86	971	11.91
II	369	5.23	5,790	82.51	862	12.25
III	119	1.71	5,540	71.20	1,279	12.66
IV	204	3.16	4,895	72.74	1,355	20.99
V	259	4.20	4,582	74.31	1,325	18.24
VI	292	5.58	4,062	77.72	872	16.68
VII	333	8.04	3,318	80.12	490	11.83
VIII	435	11.17	3,103	79.46	364	9.35
IX	138	15.08	724	79.12	53	5.79
X	117	19.33	472	78.03	16	2.64
Totals	2,421	4.80	40,036	79.20	7,587	15.50

NOTE:—The 252 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

(B) Separate Schools

Grade	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	128	1.61	6,912	87.22	884	11.15
II	367	5.69	5,337	82.75	745	11.55
III	109	1.69	5,147	80.23	1,159	18.06
IV	201	3.34	4,616	76.75	1,197	19.90
V	236	4.12	4,263	74.48	1,224	21.38
VI	264	5.43	3,774	77.65	822	16.91
VII	310	8.00	3,097	79.94	467	12.05
VIII	412	11.27	2,900	79.36	342	9.35
IX	138	15.27	713	78.87	53	5.86
X	116	19.43	466	78.06	15	2.51
Totals	2,281	4.89	37,225	79.79	6,908	14.81

NOTE:—The 234 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

(C) Public Schools

Grade	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	27	3.59	638	84.84	87	11.56
II	2	.34	453	79.19	117	20.45
III	10	1.91	393	75.14	120	22.94
IV	3	.68	279	63.40	158	35.90
V	23	5.19	319	72.00	101	22.79
VI	28	7.65	288	78.68	50	13.66
VII	23	8.61	221	82.77	23	8.61
VIII	23	9.27	203	81.85	22	8.87
IX	.....	.....	11	100.00	.....	.....
X	1	12.50	6	75.00	1	12.50
Totals	140	3.84	2,811	77.06	679	18.61

NOTE:—The 18 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

TABLE No. 3

GRADE-ENROLMENT DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1941

(A) Separate and Public Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	12,072	61.36	17,017	55.56	29,089	57.84
V-VIII	7,273	36.97	12,162	39.72	19,435	38.64
IX-X	326	1.67	1,194	3.90	1,520	3.02
Auxiliary	.....	.....	252	.82	252	.50

(B) Separate Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I–IV	10,322	60.88	16,480	55.49	26,802	57.46
V–VIII	6,313	37.25	11,798	39.73	18,111	38.82
IX–X	318	1.87	1,183	3.98	1,501	3.21
Auxiliary	.....	.....	234	.79	234	.51

(C) **Public Schools**

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	1,750	64.35	537	57.86	2,287	62.69
V-VIII	960	35.36	364	39.00	1,324	36.30
IX-X	8	.29	11	1.19	19	.52
Auxiliary	.....	.....	18	1.95	18	.49

The following comparative table shows the grade-enrolment distribution of French-speaking pupils in separate and public schools for the years 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1941:—

Separate and Public Schools

Grades	1938		1939		1940		1941	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	28,730	60.61	29,098	59.00	28,940	58.02	29,089	57.84
V-VIII	17,280	36.46	18,473	37.46	19,104	38.29	19,435	38.64
IX-X	1,170	2.47	1,480	3.00	1,594	3.19	1,520	3.02
Auxiliary	217	.46	268	.54	251	.50	252	.50

Secondary School Classes

The following table shows the number of French-speaking students enrolled, in December 1941, in the advanced French courses of Collegiate Institutes, High, Continuation, and Vocational Schools under the supervision of the Department of Education:—

Enrolment of French-Speaking Pupils in Secondary Schools in Which Advanced French Courses are Offered, December, 1941

SCHOOL	GRADE					
	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	Total
Cochrane High	9	12	5	.....	3	29
Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational	85	23	6	1	.....	115
Embrun High	21	30	13	15	6	85
Espanola Continuation	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Hawkesbury High	46	29	25	17	.....	117
Kapuskasing High	25	16	15	2	3	61
Kirkland Lake Collegiate and Vocational	29	8	3	4	.....	44
Mattawa High	10	4	6	.....	4	24
Ottawa Technical	68	39	.....	.....	.....	107
Paincourt Continuation	10	9	6	9	.....	34
Penetanguishene High	21	21	4	2	.....	48
Plantagenet High	25	16	19	12	8	80
Rockland High	34	22	16	7	1	80
Smooth Rock Falls Continuation	17	5	.....	1	.....	23
Sturgeon Falls High	38	32	25	25	1	121
Sudbury High and Technical	40	23	10	14	4	91
Tilbury High	5	4	.....	.....	.....	9
Timmins High and Vocational	76	35	17	9	.....	137
Vankleek Hill Collegiate	10	8	8	1	2	29
Totals	584	336	168	119	32	1,249

NOTE:—The absence of students in the higher grades of some of the above schools is due to the fact that the advanced French courses were just recently established.

This total enrolment of 1,249 French-speaking students in the secondary schools compares favourably with the totals reported for 1938 (839), for 1939 (1,027) and for 1940 (1,102). Indeed, the 1941 total enrolment represents an increase of almost 50 per cent over the 1938 total enrolment. There are besides, some 2,500 French-speaking students who are pursuing their studies in the Grade IX and Grade X classes of the elementary schools, [Table No. 1, (A), (i), of this report], and in private schools. Some of the latter are inspected by the Department of Education for the purpose of accepting, or not accepting, the teachers' recommendations in respect to pupils who are candidates for middle school certificates.

Although much satisfaction is derived from the progress made so far, it is yet evident that much remains to be done throughout the province in order to raise the percentage of the French-speaking secondary school enrolment from the present 6 or 7 per cent to at least 18 or 20 per cent of the total French-speaking school enrolment. Of course, as was stated in previous reports, the main cause of this low and rapidly decreasing enrolment from grade to grade in the secondary schools is to be found and eradicated in the elementary school classes. Once the problem is solved in the elementary department of the school—and according to present indications this task will be completed within the next two or three years—there should be an automatic improvement in the secondary school enrolment and age-grade distribution of pupils.

The appointment, in 1941, of a French-speaking high school inspector has already proved beneficial in improving the general proficiency of the secondary school classes attended by French-speaking students and in promoting a greater desire for higher education among the French-speaking population of Ontario.

Provincial Contest

The finals of the fourth annual provincial contest among the Grade VIII French-speaking pupils were held in Ottawa on April 17th, 1941. Twenty-four contestants—the winning boy and the winning girl from each of the twelve French-speaking inspectorates—took part in this final competition. The four provincial winners, the first two of whom were awarded secondary school scholarships, were as follows:

1st boy: Roger Blanchette, 13, St. Joseph School, Sturgeon Falls;
1st girl: Rita Mainville, 12, St. Charles School, Timmins;
2nd boy: Gilles Petitclerc, 13, St. Jean-Baptiste School, Ottawa;
2nd girl: Denise Ralph, 12, St. Conrad School, Ottawa.

The interest aroused by this annual competition is ever increasing. Besides drawing parents and teachers into closer co-operation, the provincial contest encourages the talented pupils to undertake and complete their secondary school education.

Inspectoral District Enterprises

As was stated in a previous report, the French-speaking inspectors were asked, in 1939, to undertake during 1940 and every year thereafter, in their respective inspectorates, one special enterprise bearing on some particular phase of education, It was suggested also that these enterprises, which should aim at correcting a general weakness throughout the inspectorate or at fostering a new and valuable idea in education, be carried on in a scientific manner by taking note of essential data, such as existing conditions at the outset, means employed, difficulties encountered, and results obtained.

Interesting reports were received from the inspectors at the close of the year. Some of the topics for special research in French-speaking inspectorates, during 1941, were as follows: how to improve the pupils' handwriting; group meetings of school trustees and secretaries; the development by pupils and teachers of a Grade I supplementary reader in social studies; how to secure better results in French and English spelling; arousing general interest in the activities of the Ontario Junior Red Cross Society; how to improve the teaching of written composition; the beautification of school properties.

The following excerpts are taken from the report submitted by Inspector J. S. Gratton, of Plantagenet, on: "*The Beautification of School Properties*":—

"Following the receipt, early in March 1941, of "Suggestions for Improvement of Rural School Grounds", issued by the Ontario Department of Education, and "Trees for Schools", issued by the Ontario Forestry Branch, all rural school teachers, members of municipal councils and local Agricultural representatives were invited to co-operate in a school grounds improvement enterprise.

In view of the generous offer of the Forestry Branch to supply young forest trees to schools free of charge, except for transportation, and the offer also of the local Horticultural Societies of the free delivery of shrubs at reduced prices, it was decided that the planting of trees and flowering shrubs should be first undertaken in this campaign.

The accompanying plans, order forms, circulars and correspondence give, better than would a detailed account, an insight into the means adopted to carry out the enterprise successfully.

It is to be noted, however, that of the 16,000 trees distributed, approximately 60% were planted on the school grounds by the pupils in co-operation with the teacher and the school trustees; the others were brought home by the pupils and planted on the farm.

A survey, made during the month of September last, revealed that, despite the very dry spell that followed the planting last May, at least 90% of the trees placed on the school grounds had survived the excessive drought and were doing well. The willingness and enthusiasm with which both teachers and pupils cared for the young trees after they were planted largely account for this success."

The successful enterprise described above by Inspector Gratton will doubtless serve as a powerful incentive in some of the other inspectorates.

"L'Association de l'Enseignement français de l'Ontario"

After one year of successful operation, this provincial association of French-speaking teachers and inspectors held its second annual convention in Ottawa on April 17th, 18th and 19th, 1941. Mr. Omer Brûlé, B.A., of the Ottawa Technical School teaching staff, was elected president for the year 1941-42.

This association, as was stated in last year's report, comprises three sections and is composed of French-speaking elementary and secondary school teachers, inspectors and normal school masters of Ontario. It resembles closely, on a smaller scale, the Ontario Educational Association, and, in co-operation with the latter, will no doubt promote the best interests of French education in this province.

Correspondence Courses in French

In view of the fact that approximately 10 per cent of the pupils enrolled in the Departmental correspondence courses are French-speaking, and in response to several requests which were received from interested families, the Minister decided, in the autumn of 1941, to include in this service the same courses and examinations which are provided for French-speaking pupils in the public and separate schools of the province. An experienced and successful French-speaking teacher, Miss Hélène Lacasse, was appointed to the correspondence school staff in the Department and the preparation of these new courses was undertaken.

In September 1942, the Grade I courses for French-speaking pupils will be ready for distribution, and it is expected that from year to year the programme

of the next Grade will be added until the full elementary school course will have been developed.

This is by no means an easy task. However, it is confidently expected that by following the splendid system already established for English-speaking pupils, and with the co-operation of the French-speaking normal school masters, inspectors and teachers, the results will constitute an achievement worthy of note in the field of French and English education.

ROBERT GAUTHIER,
Director of French Instruction.

Toronto, June 30th, 1942.